

Lesson 2

1 John 1:1-10

• Questions

1. What did John hear, see, behold, and handle (1:1)?

2. What was manifested to John that he declared to others (1:2)?

3. Why did John declare to others what he had seen and heard (1:3)?

4. Why did John write (1:4)?

5. What message did John hear and announce to others (1:5)?

6. What happens when a Christian walks in darkness (1:6)?

7. What happens when a Christian walks in the light (1:7)?

8. What happens if a Christian says he has no sin (1:8)?

9. What happens if a Christian confesses his sins (1:9)?

10. What happens if a Christian says he has not sinned (1:10)?

• Digging Deeper

1. How is 1 John 1:1-4 similar to John 1:1-4?
2. Who are the “we”, “us”, and the “you” (1:1-4)?
3. Where else in the NT is Jesus described as “word” and “life” (1:1-2)?
4. What is “fellowship” and how is it maintained with the Father and the Son (1:3)?
5. What do the figures of “light” and “darkness” represent (1:5)? How does one “walk in the darkness” and “walk in the light” (1:6-7)?

• Applications for Today

1. Jesus came to give mankind eternal life (1:1-2). What is necessary for one to have eternal life (Jn. 3:15-16, 36; 5:24; 6:40, 47, 68; 12:25, 50; 17:3; Rom. 2:7; Gal. 6:8)? When do Christians have eternal life (Mk. 10:30; Jn. 10:28; 1 Jn. 5:13)?
2. We can have fellowship with the Father and the Son (1:3). Who else do we have fellowship with (Phil. 2:1)? What are Christians not to have fellowship with (2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11; Rev. 18:4)?
3. Because of false teachers who denied Jesus Christ, it was important to John to identify Jesus as the divine “Son” of God, the Father (1:3; see also 1 John 1:7; 2:22-24; 3:8, 23; 4:9-10, 14-15; 5:5, 9-13, 20; 2 John 3, 9). Why did John write his gospel (Jn. 20:30-31)?

4. Being in fellowship with God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ brings joy (1:4). What made John happy (2 Jn. 4; 3 Jn. 2-3)?

5. God is light (1:5). What else is God (Jn. 3:33; 4:24; 1 Cor. 10:13; Gal. 3:20; Heb. 12:29; 1 Pet. 1:16; 1 Jn. 4:8,16)?

6. We must be like God, walking in light and not in darkness (1:6-7). How does a Christian know that he is walking in the light (Eph. 5:8-9)? How does a Christian keep from walking in darkness (Jn. 8:12; 12:35-36)?

7. It is better for a Christian to confess his sin, than to deny his sin (1:8-10). What did Peter tell Simon to do concerning his sin (Acts 8:18-24)? What does James say to do concerning one's sin (Jas. 5:13-18)?

8. John emphasized "truth" all throughout his three epistles because of false teachers at this time who taught lies about Jesus Christ (1:6, 8; see also 1 Jn. 2:4, 21; 3:18-19; 4:6; 5:7; 2 Jn. 1-4; 3 Jn. 1, 3, 4, 8, 12). Where did John say "truth" is found (Jn. 1:14; 8:31-32; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 17:17).